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In re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: 09/976,033	)	Group Art Unit: 2626
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Filed: October 15, 2001	)	Examiner: Eunice Ng
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	
OF SPEECH RECOGNITION	)	
WHICH ACQUIRES SIMILARITIES	)	
BETWEEN INPUT SPEECH AND	)	
STORED OBJECT WORDS	)	
(As Amended)	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, the period for response to which runs through March 5, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks: